

**BEFORE THE GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND
CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RAJPAL SAGOO

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CASE NO.

20-0025-C

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the complaint filed by Jeffrey Wilbur ("Complainant") on or about May 11, 2020. Prior to a final hearing on this matter, Respondent Rajpal Sagoo ("Respondent") and the Commission agree to resolve the above-styled matter by Consent Order under the terms and conditions described herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondent was a candidate for a two-year term as State Representative District 21 during the 2020 election year. Respondent qualified as a candidate on March 2, 2020. Respondent's Personal Financial Disclosure Statement ("PFDS") covering calendar year 2019 was due by March 17, 2020. Respondent untimely filed his PFDS on May 18, 2020. Moreover, as a candidate for State Representative District 21 Respondent was responsible for filing must Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports ("CCDR") in accordance with the filing schedules provided in O.C.G.A § 21-5-34(c). In an election year, candidates must file on January 31, April 30, June 30, September 30, October 25, and December 31 and are afforded a five-day grace period in filing the required reports. Upon the Commission's initial investigation, the online filing system showed that Respondent late filed his June 30, 2020 CCDD however the Commission has determined this CCDD was not late filed. Respondent untimely filed his December 31, 2020 CCDD on January 9, 2020.

Respondent, before and upon notification of the violation, acted with urgency and cooperation by immediate review of the allegations and initiation of contact with Commission staff.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission finds that Respondent violated the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act in that Respondent:

- 1) Failed to timely file his PFDS in violation of O.C.G.A § 21-5-50; and
- 2) failed to timely file his December 31, 2020 CCDD in violation of O.C.G.A § 21-5-34(c).

HOLDING

In resolving this matter, Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

Respondent must pay late fees totaling \$250 for untimely filing his PFDS and December 31, 2020 CCDR.

Respondent will not be required pay civil penalties to the Commission for these violations.

Respondent further agrees not to commit any further violations of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act and corresponding Commission Rules.

Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of facts are true, agrees with the conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms of this Order. By signing this Order, Respondent waives any right to appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act ("APA"), O.C.G.A. § 50-13-1 *et. seq.*

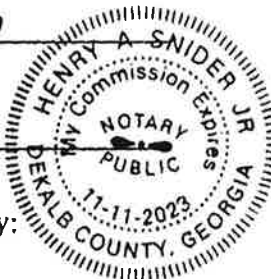
Failure to comply with the terms herein, absent a showing of good faith, will constitute a willful and knowing violation of said terms by Respondent. Respondent's failure to comply with said terms shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorize the Commission to seek enforcement and/or collection of this order by subsequent contempt or other proceedings against the Respondent in the Superior Court for the State of Georgia. The parties agree that all costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Commission in any enforcement action shall be assessed against Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C)(iv).

The Commission adopts the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

Signature attested to on this 30th day
of MARCH, 2021.

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Public Notary

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Rajpal Sagoo
Respondent

Order Prepared and Presented by:

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Rachel N. Goldberg, Staff Attorney
Bar No.: 270582

SO ORDERED this 24th day of June, 2021.

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

BY:



Jake Evans, Chair